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NASHVILLE –Tennessee's February unemployment rate of 4.7 percent, unchanged over the previous month, was released on April 7, 2003. County unemployment rates released today showed that 18 county rates increased, 65 county rates decreased, and 12 remained the same from January rates.

Moore County at 2.1 percent, unchanged over the month, registered the state's lowest county unemployment rate. Marshall County at 13.2 percent, down from 14.1 percent, reported the state's highest jobless rate.

Knox County, unchanged at 2.7 percent, registered the lowest metropolitan county unemployment rate. Hamilton County registered 3.4 percent, down from 3.6 percent. Davidson County reported a 3.6 percent rate, down from 3.8 percent, while Shelby County reported a 4.9 percent rate, down from 5.4 percent over the month.

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NOTE: Information will be available on the Internet; enter http://www.state.tn.us/labor-wfd/labor_figures/